



COTSWOLD VALE TR **NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017**

September 29th - Curry night . Pershore .

Held as usual at the Shunarga Indian restaurant in Pershore, or as it is now known as the “hunarg”* by the twenty-five curry connoisseurs who attended, the evening went well and everyone got what they ordered in spite of the absence of the head waiter. Fortunately everybody settled their account on leaving, the restaurant was left reasonably intact and it didn't take Meg and me too long to do the washing up.



No embarrassing Candid Camera pictures this time I'm afraid, as I had to stand in for the head waiter....!!!

***Could the people who removed the "S" and the "a" please return them!!**

Richard Durrant

September 30/31st – American Weekend at Prescott

Also known as the American Weekend, this is the last competitive weekend of Prescott's season.

There were special displays including American car and motorcycle clubs with entertainment including the Wall of Death, Rock 'n' Roll music, stilt walkers and of course the long legged dancers....!!

Of special interest on the automotive front were the Penske PC22, and a collection of historic Camaros.

Unfortunately I didn't get round to taking any pictures of the above, as I was fully occupied playing with the Revington TR/TR Register Championship. However, I am sure that you can find some on the internet, and failing that, look at previous years' reports!!!

Please refer to the competitions section for further information

October 8th. Sunday lunch,(organised by Brian Wiggins).

Sunday lunch at The Three Horse Shoes at Wixford, kindly organised by Brian Wiggins . This pub has been radically refurbished by current owners to the point where it's difficult to remember the old place. All tastefully done and very nice with new seating areas and decor etc.

Lunch was a carvery for those that wanted or choose from a very good “a la carte” menu. As can be seen from the photograph below, very appetising.
21 members sat down for lunch with 9 TR.s in the car park. A number of customers were observed photographing the cars whilst we were there



Under starters orders



get ready.....



Well, almost ready



Go Go Go!!!!

Our thanks to Brian for setting this up, especially as he is away from home during the week.

Andrew Racey

October 15th (?) Autumn leaves run this year to Westonburt .

Sunday 15th October and it's that time of year Autumn! Brian Wiggins organised a gathering of cars at the top of Fish Hill. Expected around 8 but ended up with 16. The weather had forecast 24' but on the morning it was around 15' and overcast, nevertheless that doesn't put off the intrepid TR owner. The gathering included a superb Dorretti .



(nice to see OPE777W still within CVTR, Alan Wilding's latest acquisition)



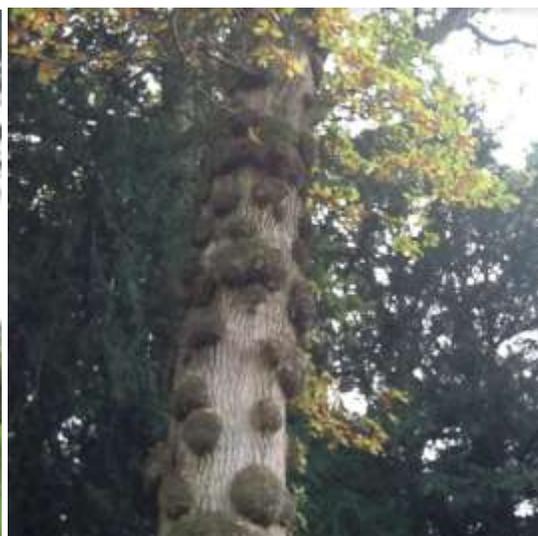


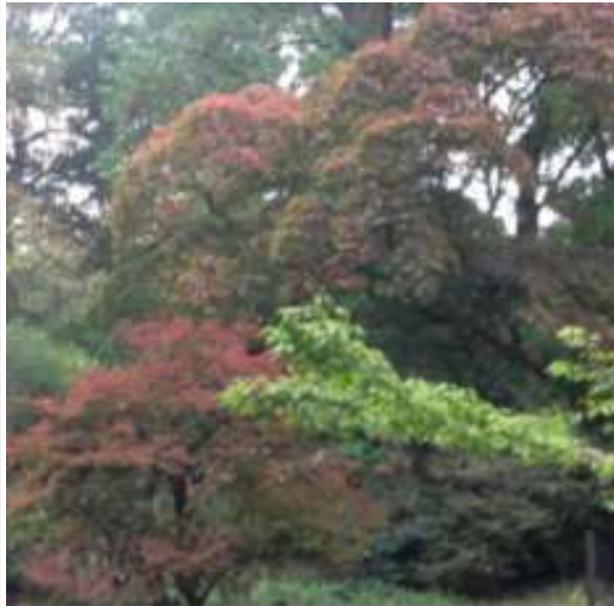
So at 10.30 prompt off we set. What a super run through the Cotswolds, Stow then onto Cirencester and Tetbury. Unfortunately we had an idiot in a 4x4 who decided to overtake the Convoy - we were travelling around 55/60 mph- he was cutting in and out and then overtook me on a double white line before cutting up Mick Parry. Two minutes later we all stopped at traffic lights and there he was in front of the queue. On parking up at Westonbirt he parked a row in front of us. If we had a Pratt of the year award he would get it.



Massive queues getting into the arboretum but it did move quickly , so after 15 minutes we were through and heading towards the refreshment area. There were lots of extra facilities layed on to cope with the huge influx of visitors.

Then onto the real purpose of the visit to walk around the wonderful display of trees, the colours were spectacular, but I guess they will be even better in a couple of week's time. The bridge over the "rooftop " of trees looked to be fairly new and indeed gave a super view across the canopy . Whilst on the bridge the clouds broke and the sun came through just to highlight the colours even more.





Andrew Racey

And a word from our organiser.....

Hi Andrew,

Many thanks for your kind words. It was an excellent run and a great day at the Arboretum. Yes it was probably the busiest weekend of the year but as that's mainly due to the colours it was understandable and as you said the queue did move quite quickly.

A nice way to further extend time on the road in a busy season before we all go into hibernation or in my case fix the burning oil syndrome in the '6'!

Have a good week!

Brian Wiggins

And a further word from Charles Taverner:-

Hi Gareth,

I managed to catch up with the group at the Arboretum and parked my sparkling 1971 Royal Blue MGB a respectful row behind them (actually to avoid classic car envy and ruining their day). I gave Cat a TR6 wind deflector that someone may like perhaps offered as one of Keith's raffle prizes. Anyway we are off to Australia again in a few weeks so take the opportunity to be the first to wish you and all at CVTR a very merry Christmas!



Charles Taverner

And the last word goes to.....

POST SCRIPT -----

Ah thanks for that, he followed me for part of journey home. Then he and Ian Benfield roared past at high speed. We saw Ian coming out of a pub car park near Circencester (no surprise there) where I suspect a number of the guys disappeared to early on..... Another member was overheard quoting "one leaf is much the same as another!!"

Anon

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2017 CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING DAY

Having looked at the weather forecast on Friday night, I felt it was a bit of a gamble to go ahead with the shoot, seeing what Storm Brian might have in store for us but knowing that we are a hardy bunch of TR drivers that take our tops off without a care I thought that we could cope with a little bit of wind.

Twelve of us met up at the Warwick Services on the M40 and convoyed to the shooting ground about fifteen minutes away and the other four went straight there. Tea's and coffee's were on tap for everybody while myself and Terry (my brother) sorted out with Tim (the owner of the shooting ground) which stands we could use for the 25 bird practice and negotiate a final price for the clays and cartridges. This ended up being a very good £15 for each shooter.

We split into three groups to make it easier and quicker to move from one stand to another with myself, Terry and Bill Skermer helping out with anybody that had not shot before and also operating the clay pigeon traps. At this stage Storm Brian was getting a little angry with the wind getting a bit stronger but at least the rain was keeping away. Everybody shot at about 8 to 9 clays on each of the three stands with two different types of target on each stand. Lots of clay targets were being broken with, shall we say, just a few getting away.





After the morning session we all retired to the clubhouse for lunch, where bacon and sausage rolls were being served with more tea's and coffee's. This also created a good deal of attention from a man's best friend.



After lunch, there were several of us who fancied a further 25 bird round, so we made our way to another part of the shooting ground where there are five sporting stands each with two different birds available. Again Storm Brian was blowing as hard as he could which made the shooting a bit more difficult than it would have normally been.



As a first attempt at a clay shooting day it all seemed to work out well for those who took part and it would be nice to be able to repeat something similar for next year.

We all know shooting can be dangerous and shotguns can do a lot of damage but with a storm blowing the broken bits of a clay pigeon can also be just as dangerous. So apologies to Phil Barnett who was standing waiting for his turn to shoot when he was attacked by a stray piece of a clay blown back by the wind.



Phil Blake (with some picture assistance from Tim Walker)

And last but not least, a note from Tim Walker, John Walker was spotted eyeing up his next restoration project, which by all accounts is in better condition than the TR6 he recently purchased!



October 24th Photoshoot – Classic Car Mart



I have had an interesting afternoon recently with my TR6 being photographed for a forthcoming edition of *Classic Car Mart* magazine. The basic thrust of the piece was to compare two classics which do roughly the same job but from slightly different eras and so the other car featured was a beautiful Austin Healey 3000 owned by a chap called Nick from Stratford. As the photographs were being taken by super-skilled photographer Matt Woods (have a look at his website), both owners were interviewed by magazine writer Nigel Clark. He asked us about the history of our cars, what they're like to live with, and because the magazine reflects on developments in the classic car market, our thoughts on this subject were also sought. (I have to say I was a little vague in this area because as TR owners, we enjoy driving our cars, not just reveling in their enhanced value.) I was also asked what advice I had for prospective owners and needless to say, top of the list was to join the register!

As well as the professionally-lit static shots at Bidford-on-Avon, we also went up the road for some passing speed shots, but disappointingly it was a really dismal day so both cars stayed with their tops up (poor show, I know)

However, I had a sneak preview of the shots on the cameras and they looked terrific. My fee for turning up is the promise of a selection of the shots being sent to me once the magazine is published. And Nigel seems to think it'll make it into the next edition to be published which will probably be the January one. I think.

Mark Hellings

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ed

And there was I believing clay pigeon shooting was a non contact sport.....



Phil Barnett

(Ed comment, looks like the clay pigeons were fighting back!)

Dear Ed

Just wondering how to fit this engine into the TR - any ideas??



Keith Brown

Ed Comment - Hi Keith

That would be some performance upgrade - not sure about how it would affect handling and braking - maybe I would enquire about insurance cover before going ahead.....

TECHNICAL SECTION



COMPETITIONS SECTION

Revington TR/TR Register Sprint and Hill Climb Championship.

A good turnout of 20 entrants....





.....made their cautious way up the hill for a wet first practice.

Fortunately the weather gods relented, and we were last class but two so the hill had dried out sufficiently for everyone to bring their times down by about seven seconds for second practice.

The hill was still a bit damp in places for the timed runs after lunch, so there were a few “offs” which unfortunately included the nearside front corner of John Hanna’s lovely TR4 which lost an argument with the Armco in the esses. The car remained driveable although it looked as though the body had moved slightly on the chassis and he got home safely with no tracking or braking problems.

The following “action” photos taken at Ettore’s 180 degree corner by our David Roberts
Your reporter leaving the line...



...and negotiating Ettore’s....



Tyres holding on well, and minimal body roll.
Samantha Browne taking a similar line....



....and John Weedon using a lot of lock...



Bob "Hooligan" Barnard waving at the camera...



...and Alan Yeo demonstrating the art of late braking...



The car was ok after the gravel had been removed from the suspension.

Results:

1 st	Rod Warner	TR7 V8	53.58 secs
2 nd	Rob McGregor	Dolomite Sprint	53.68 secs
3 rd	Bob Barnard	TR4	54.20 secs
4 th	Nick Smith	TR6	56.10 secs

I will be happy to provide my time on receipt of your request submitted on a £20 note....!!

Tailpiece

Kev Bryant brought his own trophy just in case....!!



Richard Durrant

CVTR Monthly Meeting October 25th

Gareth started the meeting with apologies from Meg and Richard.,Brian Wiggins, L McCarthy, P Foster ,Robert Moore, We had 35 members present . After reviewing Septembers activities and future events.

We had a break prior to David Gillespie's presentation on the rebuilding of his award winning TR3A – 499KPH. He was volunteered by his better half Linda, as they had recently purchased projection equipment for Dave to present on the same topic to his Probus group



Dave is seen here receiving direction from the technical projection expert before deciding the batteries needed replacing in the control unit.....

Dave opened with a series of jokes he had recently lifted from the Edinburgh Festival, which succeeded in “warming up” the audience, not that it needed any “warming up”

Anyway, the amount of work and detail Dave covered in resurrecting the car from the mass of components purchased is a credit to Dave’s skill and determination, the results speaking for themselves.

Prior to the raffle and conclusion of the meeting, Keith gave an impromptu technical seminar on steering column bushes and plastic plumbing pipe dimensions.....



And the highlight of the raffle was Andrew Racey taking home the prime prize of the Marriage Guidance Workshop Manual.....



(which no one could believe would fit within such a small book!)

Future Events

November 5th National Restoration show Stoneleigh Park.

November 4th/5th TR REGISTER - AGM at Puckrup Hall Hotel.

You need to register if you intend to go, if not then don't forget you can nominate someone to vote on your behalf or by proxy .TR Action 300 has 10.30 registration for 11.00 am start. There was some discussion at last meeting as to correct time. The office has confirmed those stated here.

November 10-12th Classic car show NEC Birmingham .

November 12th .Sunday lunch Thai Emerald .

See Tim Walker tl_walker@tesco.net or phone 01386 48910.

November 22nd . CVTR monthly meeting and AGM at The Fleece.

We will be asking members to vote for their choice of Car of The Year as well as suggesting who they think should be in receipt of The Dip Stick Award and The Sod's Law Trophy (Andrew already has his little black book of suggestions - so be afraid , be very afraid !!)

December 10th . Diary date.

This is a SUNDAY. and it's our annual dinner and awards night at Dumbleton Hall, (expect the hotel to be decorated in its festive overcoat) kindly organised by Bob Heppel. This year we have moved the date into December to hopefully avoid all those of you who decide to leave the UK for winter in January. You will have seen a note from Bob about pre booking rooms at a reduced rate, please mention CVTR event when booking to get the discounted rate..we now need to start firming up on numbers and food orders. Menus are now available - see other emails which will come out with menu choices- so please contact Bob on 01386860499 or bobhpl3@gmail.com Cost £26.00 - now where do you get such good company, a nice hotel and great food for that price. Please support us, this is our CVTR big annual event.

December 12th . Birmingham Quiz night at Somers club.

We need to get some teams together and bring back the trophy to CVTR. The next Sunday lunch will be in 2018 - watch this space for details, meanwhile we will need a future events/ diary meeting in early January to start next years planning. Suggested date is Wednesday 10th January at 7.00pm at The Fleece

FUTURE EVENTS @ A GLANCE
CALENDAR 2017

November

December

4th, TR Register AGM Puckrup Hall.
10/12th, NEC classic car show.

12th, Sunday lunch Thia Emerald Evesham Tim Walker
22nd, CVTR meeting and AGM. at The Fleece

December 10th CVTR Annual dinner and awards night at
Dumbleton Hall - Bob Heppel.

December 12th Birmingham Groups annual Quiz night.

SUPPLEMENT

EXAMPLES OF HUMANITY REGRESSION





That's all for this month folks, the clocks go back and winter draws on.....make the most of any good weather!

Andrew Racey, Ian Brown and Richard Durrant